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The BLURB

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Ten-On-Ten	Sundays	1000-1100
Orange Juice	Weekdays	0700-0730
Scrambled Egg	Weekdays	0730-0830
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Channel 1 (29.493 mc) is monitored daily from 0900-2400 for the benefit of mobiles in the Philadelphia and suburban area.

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THE PREZ SEZ

As the time approaches when the FCC will in all probability require that increased code proficiency be demonstrated in order to retain those privileges which we now hold as General Class operators, it becomes incumbent upon each of us to engage in a program on code practice sessions.

It seems to me that this need not be an individual effort, but can be assisted by our club. We now have the hardware to implement a code practice program on Channel 2. This hardware, however, is not yet connected. Let us set for ourselves a target date of December 31, 1965 for getting everything connected, and begin the year with a code practice program which can be an example for every radio club in the country.

See you at the 16th Annual Banquet!!

73 de K3HIJ

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Mon., Nov. 1	Regular Meeting	2000 hours (8:00 PM) THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE 20th & Benjamin Franklin Pkwy Philadelphia, Pa. 19103
Sat., Nov. 13	ANNUAL BANQUET	Lianerch Country Club, 6:30PM
Wed., Nov. 17	Mid-Month Meeting	QTH OF K3HIJ
Mon., Nov. 29	"BLURB" Folding	W3LEM's 8PM

CHANNEL CHATTER

W3QZO building a ham shack, perhaps Bob can be more active now that he isn't working overtime at RCA....K3DJE sailing the high seas....K3FLG, Mary, inviting Sam, K3GBA for lunch!....Paul, W3VVS, hoping to be more active on the frequency now that he has completed his evening course at Philco....K3AES John, without his mobile rig, seems it was stolen from his car while parked in the lot near his apartment....W3EXY and family called back to Massachusetts due to the sudden death of his mother-in-law....K3CEE continuing his studies this year at The Allen Bradley School of Engineering....K3HIJ non-mobile for awhile, seems he tangled fenders with another car while in Baltimore....W3IW transferring mobile to his new car, going to try 2 meter FM....W3IGW now working at the new Honeywell plant in Fort Washington....Maybe one of these days Howard will be down where all the activity is, and will be active on the frequency again....

CANDIDATES

For your information, the following are Atlantic Division candidates for:

Director

Gilber L. Crossley W3YA
Georeg Van Dyke, Jr. W3ELI

Vice Director

Edwin S. Van Deusen W3ECP
Allen R. Breiner W3ZRQ
Jesse Bieberman W3KT

Be sure all you ARRL members get in your vote for the man of your choice!

DON'T FORGET - OPEN HOUSE at HAM BUERGERS' on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1965

W3TKQ - W3QCV/1

For many years, Agnes, and Lawrence W3QCV, have spent their summer vacationing in their home at Northeast Harbor, Maine. Lawrence packs his ham gear and W3QCV/1 takes to the air soon after his arrival. Another summer vacation has passed and Lawrence W3QCV and his XYL Agnes have returned.

It has been my pleasure to keep schedules with him for the past several summers. During the schedules, some VIP's frequently joined us, sharing the thrill of a contact. "I guess there is nothing like Amateur Radio to help one enjoy that summer vacation, Lawrence. You always seemed to enjoy it as much as we did." It appeared as though he did not spend a summer in idleness, but doing the things that make for delightful memories of a season past.

Our schedules proved most successful this season with only a few words missed due to QRM or QRN. Sure hope we can do this again in the coming years, Lawrence. Oops! You know what? I forgot the QSL!

Lloyd, W3CDY

FROM THE HAM SHACK OF W3TKQ

HAM How did the word "HAM" originate? The story is that there were three (3) amateurs whose last names began with H, A, M, who formed a radio club. Then there are several other stories - see page 70 of September Q.S.T.

Paul F. Godley X2CE spikes all rumors and tells the correct story: It seems two telegraphers were listening to a message coming thru in code and one says to the other: "He must have a fist like a HAM." So there you have it!

EMERGENCY - Friday, October 1 - 12:35 EST

W5CUI on 14.330mc calling Overbrook School for the Blind K3ZJU; emergency need for a pair of eyes in the Miami area. W3PQT was the pivot man for this contact. No eyes available here says K3ZJU. Not satisfied with this answer, W3TKQ broke in and put W5CUI on phone patch with W3ZN Harold Hogan who is a member of the Eye Bank and a Phil-Monter. Harold carried on QSO via phone patch thru the facilities of W3TKQ and made necessary arrangements to check local Eye Bank. No luck.

Harold W3ZN then kept monitoring as the search went on. Some were located in Boston, Mass., but not acceptable as the need was for eyes within a 24-hour period which could not be met in this case. Following this, a doctor in New York was contacted and he had gone out to get some eyes. He had not returned with a report when our follow-up ceased. The search went on through the air of Amateur Radio. Just another service of W3TKQ!

FINE WORK

The BIG EAR of 29.493 Brad Martin W3QV does an outstanding job of monitoring channel #1. He is always available for information, chitchat, "Words of Wisdom", or what-have-you. Keep up the good work, Brad! We all would be lost without you!

Sam, K3RTR

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next regular meeting of North Penn to be held November 9th at 2 Evergreen Road, Norristown, Penna. will be an Auction. Bring your loot and goodies and come join us - about 8 p.m.

IT SEEMS TO ME

Now that I am seated in the chair behind the Editor's desk, I can see things somewhat better, it seems. I used to look at writing the "BLURB" thru the normal part of the lenses; now I see it thru the bifocals, hi.

To get to the point quickly, the question is this: What are your comments about the "BLURB"?

I have seen questions and questionnaires by editors pursuing the search for information. True, I am here asking the same, but I hope in a different way. First, I will not ask for response from anyone on any particular question, but try to indicate to you what type of response is helpful.

If you like what you read, we sure are pleased to have your comments or approval. That always makes any job easier. But the purpose here is not to solicit this type of criticism, compliment or bouquet. Many of you have done so and for this my deepest gratitude is yours. If, however, you do not like something, please tell me so and why. If you did not like some subject or have so little interest in it, tell me that, too. If you feel I failed to cover a subject, event, activity, that should be covered, sound off.

The contributions received have been very useful, and many thanks to the contributors. The response in criticism has been most constructive and very valuable. For this, I likewise am thankful.

To find something to write about has not been the problem, but is it what you like to read? Your suggestions will be most helpful and perhaps lead me to something I would not otherwise think of. You see, one suggestion per year from a member could provide one topic per month from only 10% of the membership.

"It seems to me" everybody has more than one idea per year. Why not pass it along for the benefit of the club?

de W3CDY

HELP!!

My good friend, Bill Taylor, the steadfast strength behind the Technical Recreation Program at North Wildwood, N. J. is in need of some help. This program is in its 6th successful year. Bill would like to obtain the construction data for a Tesla Coil using a TV fly-back transformer. Can someone pass along the data or the source of same? Bill needs this information for part of this winter's activity. Please, someone, help me get this dope for Bill, as he always comes thru when it's his turn.

I might add that there are several budding hams among the youngsters. They hope to obtain a station license in the coming year and will appreciate any gear anyone will donate. They are an aggressive group under Bill's direction, and will build anything their modest supply of materials permits.

AWARDS

The Annual Dinner Dance is again the time for the Phil-Mont Awards. These awards are your expression of appreciation for the recipients' contribution. The presentation of these awards is always a happy moment for all. Who are they going to be? Better come and see!

PHIL-MONT SCORES AGAIN

It seems that Phil-Mont is well staffed with speakers available to talk to Amateur Radio Clubs. W3BS Karl Krech - a Phil-Monter - was the main speaker at a recent meeting of The Mobile Sixers Radio Club. His topic was "My 50 Years in Amateur Radio". Karl was one of those honored by the ARRL Pres. Herbert Hoover at their last National Convention in New York where he received a plaque. Karl had on display many pieces of antique wireless equipment used back in those early days - 50 or more years ago. He also showed a "book" that he published. To see this "book" is a MUST for all Phil-Monters. Ask Karl about it the next time you see him.

Since W3BS Karl Krech talked to the Mobile Sixers recently, it was learned by your EAVESDROPPER that W3QV Brad Martin also was the guest speaker at the Abington High School Radio Club. His topic also was "RADIO FROM WAY BACK". Notice how those 2-letter calls always talk about the "Olden Days"? Did anyone take notice how many members of Phil-Mont are from "way back when" with 2-letter calls?

W3AK	Tex (Asso.)	W3EM	Brad	W3QV	Brad
W3BS	Karl	W3KL	Bill	W3YG	Paul
W3CW	Barney	W3KV	Bill (Asso.)	W3ZN	Harold

I doubt if there are many Radio Clubs in the country as fortunate as Phil-Mont to be blessed with such a wealth of knowledge.

Sam, K3RTR

(The above observation sparks an idea! Why not an Old Phil-Monters' Nite on June 6, 1966 as a feature at our regular meeting? Each one gets 15 mins to show and tell the best of the "Good Old Days".....Editor)

ANTIQUE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION MEETING - Mason, Ohio

The weekend of October 8, 9 & 10 was a memorable occasion for Howard W3TJQ and myself. We left early Friday morning, mobiling west and enjoying contacts on 75 and later 40 meters SSB. Skeds were kept with Nelson on both bands, encountering some QRN at the W3TKQ end.

We arrived in Mason, Ohio early enough on Friday and so checked in at the Gray Wireless Museum and met some of the OB's. Looking about made it quite apparent that I did not qualify by age, but as long as I was old enough to get into the spirit of things, we were received well. When greeted with the remark, "How are you", I have been delighted, in the past, to say, "Pretty good for an old man." So for this weekend I had to console myself with chasing the flies from the near bald area and chuckle at the thought, "OM, you're getting there fast", and refrain from using my favorite remark. Howard did not let me dampen his spirits, as he joined in the warm fellowship.

Saturday morning was the start of a day, long to be remembered. We met more of the fellows at the Museum, took a few pictures, looked at some old gear, beautifully restored, and checked over the Swap and Shop table until we left on the tour of WLW Cincinnati. Some of you must remember their experimental operation at a power of 500,000 watts AM. Their operation today is back to 50,000 watts. The old 500,000 watt station is still intact and was there for our tour.

Talk about power! The final consists of 4-898's in parallel in each of 3 sections, also in parallel, or a total of 12-898's. The grid

ANTIQUE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION MEETING - continued

current meter was 0 to 10 amps; plate current 0 to 50, and the plate tank 0 to 160 amps. The tank and antenna coils were pancake wound copper tubing. All this housed in cabinets about 10 feet high, 12 ft. deep and occupying about 50 linear feet. The visitors were separated into two groups and each group was lead by one who had an intimate acquaintance with interesting details of the station, having been employed as an operator.

Gathering the group, we returned to a local church for a tasty luncheon by the ladies of the congregation. The afternoon was spent there listening to short talks on such subjects as "How to restore old equipment"; "Rare vacuum tubes and how to identify them"; "Minerals suitable for detectors"; "Old teletype equipment", and listened to the sounds of the old Spark Gap Stations. If there was ever an occasion for nostalgia, this was the day.

Saturday evening brought us all together again for a banquet serving a delicious steak dinner. A short but interesting program, and more fellowship wound up the day for most everyone. Not for us though, as we were going to tour the "Voice of America" behind the scenes. Our guide was none other than Charles Stinger W8GFA, who helped build the station and operate it for the last 20 years.

Sunday morning we enjoyed breakfast with a few of the group before departing for home. Those in attendance came from both the east and the west coasts, and next year we may have the meeting in the Philadelphia area.

Jack Gray and Charles Stinger W8GFA are to be congratulated on the fine job they did in planning, organizing and conducting this event.

Lloyd W3CDY

GIL CROSSLEY W3YA COMMENTS ON THE BOARD'S ACTION

On September 21st, Gill Crossley W3YA, ARRL Atlantic Division Director, spoke at the meeting of the Southern Chester County Amateur Radio Club. A large contingent of North Penn joined the Chester County Amateurs at West Whiteland School in Exton.

Taking time out to attend was well worth my while to meet a few fellows and see and hear Gil as well. His subject was the Board's feeling on RM 499 and the new docket. It is impossible to do justice in reporting his broad coverage of the many facets of this matter. The best I can do, is cover a few points lightly.

The report of the IRAU on the clamor for frequencies is sure a fair warning that the fight is growing bigger and more difficult. There is no clear-cut approach that will guarantee results, it seems. It is a sure thing that everything we do to improve the Amateur status will be an asset if not too late.

The military has found a wealth of manpower in Radio Amateurs in the past. Today the Radio Amateur cannot command the same level of unquestioned integrity. Some of us may doubt this, but this is apparently the situation with licensed amateurs when joining the Armed Services. Therefore, in the eyes of the military, something has been lost. And if you don't think International Morse Code has any value anymore, consider this: By a recent order, all new military communications equipment must be provided for CW operation.

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GIL CROSSLEY W3YA COMMENTS ON THE BOARD'S ACTION - continued

The State Department enters this picture since they have two distinct functions relative to the Amateur. On one hand the State Department sets up meetings relative to communications; this therefore includes the Amateur. They also handle the reciprocal licensing between countries. To have them on our side we find it necessary to have their interest in Amateur Radio.

The Amateur has been known for his excellent self-policing in the past. The apparent lack of self-policing is not as widespread as one might feel. When, however, we find one rotten egg in a crate it sure raises a question about the others, and the odor leaves an injurious doubt.

The Board recommended, and the Commission adopted, the extension of distance for Conditional Class. Abuses of this class was the cause. Gil, cited an example where a licensed Amateur gave a number of exams for Conditional. Due to some evidence of lack of ability, curiosity was aroused and the holders of the Conditional Class Licenses were called in for re-examinations. Only one (1) of many was able to pass the exam and prove his qualifications.

The delay in action on Amateur Regs was due mainly to the demand for action on the CB Regs that have now been put in force.

Gill also pointed out that the Board was not doing themselves a favor by making the recommendations they did. The directors in attendance, were 5 Extra Class, 10 Advanced and 4 General, If I interpret my figures correctly.

Not all is on the negative side of the ledger, though. You may have read that Project Oscar is now in quarters at Hillside College. There are plans for Oscar IV to XII. The League will support the effort to a \$500 per month maximum. The Air Force will fly them at no charge when they are launching one of their own - piggyback you know.

The Board has recommended something that I feel useful, the use of single letter suffix calls for special events on a short-term issue.

Another valuable agreement between ARRL and Red Cross has been reached. This is significant in view of Red Cross's international recognition, and in view of the fact that some local R.C. and Amateur groups never worked too successfully. At least it would seem we have a basis for the establishment of better relations.

EXCHANGE PAPERS, PLEASE NOTE!!

The other day we again heard of some more ham equipment being stolen. In my opinion most equipment is stolen for the cash it can bring and not for the equipment itself. Assuming that this idea has some merit, why not publicize all the data including serial numbers in our papers. In effect, each of us will publish all stolen equipment reports from our areas. Exchange papers will repeat this dope for their own readers.

If these stolen items are publicized highly enough among Amateurs, the logical places for resale, it makes it more difficult to dispose of such equipment. Sufficient effort might bring about some arrests and discourage thefts in the future. What say - is it worth a try???

NOVEMBER MEETING

Join the group at the M.L.A., 1513 Walnut Street at 6:30 PM for dinner and evening entertainment. ~~General Electric will be making a presentation on the new "Hobby Manual" for a Buck Fifty.~~

Nominations for the 1966 offices will be made and the campaigns will be on.

General Electric just released a "Hobby Manual" for a Buck Fifty. In 191 pages they cover the Fundamentals of Operation, Auto, Entertainment, Home or Camp, and Workshop Projects. If you are looking for a bit of variety, this is it!

Say, you Phil-Monters, how da ya like the First Class Delivery of your "BLURB"? 90% of those expressing their feelings, said they prefer the fast service. Since this increase in cost must be considered in the budget, what's your desire? Most of those who want First Class said they are willing to kick in a buck for it, and others said raise the dues one dollar. No, no, don't get excited, but do let your feelings be known as the dues are due next month and the new budget in January 1966. Thanks fellows, for the fine response to my request for the arrival date of your "BLURB".

One of the OT's from the east, at the AWA Meeting, was W3ZI, Ed Raser, from Trenton. You may recall that Ed has quite a collection of Antique Wireless Gear, as mentioned on page 8, October "BLURB". While engaged in conversation with Ed I asked how he would feel about having a group visit him to see his collection. Like any collector, his response was much in the affirmative with only a request that he be contacted several days in advance, to assure his availability. So, fellows, what sa, R U interested? Shall we form a PMRC caravan? If we have even a small group we can have a nice drive to Trenton, see his private collection and return without making it a long day. Like it? So, let's go!

Don't forget! - You can reserve a table for 10 at the Dinner Dance! Get your group together and call Al W3WPD for reservation. C U AT THE LLANERCH COUNTRY CLUB - NOVEMBER 13th!

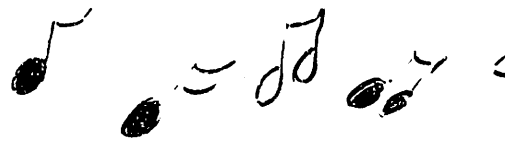
JUST PURE JEALOUSY THA'S ALL!

There seems to be some "DISSENSHUN" among the four (Phil-Mont members, of course) operators of this station (W3TKQ). For publicity reasons, The Franklin Institute has on display in the book store, a large photograph of one of the operators demonstrating the TESTLA COIL. The "green-eyed monster" has sprung up among the other three operators. They simply will not agree that they took a picture of the best looking operator! Modesty prevents the "writah" of this "ahricle" to tell who the best looking operator is. So, guess who!

ANON

TECH-NI-GRAM COMING NEXT MONTH!

PHIL-MONT- ANNUAL DINNER -

 DANCE

LLANERCH COUNTRY CLUB
West Chester Pike ^{PA} Manor Rd., LLANERCH, PENNA.
SATURDAY NITE, NOVEMBER 13TH 6:30 P.M.

Get your tickets early - Bring your MONEY, too


Dance to the tune of the VERSATONES.


What's your choice-- Roast Beef or Lobster
Tail? Tell your Banquet Chairman, now!!

PRIZES! PRIZES! AND MORE PRIZES!

There's fun ahead. Come prepared for
some good laughs.

See who gets the awards.